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TEXAS
Labor Market Reviews

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION OCTOBER 1983 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RISES

The Statewide unemployment rate rose a full percentage point between August and September, to 8.6 percent. Unemployment increased by 82,000 over the month to total 662,700 at mid-September. Much of the increase in unemployment was attributed to a rise in the number of re-entrants, who may have been encouraged to reenter the labor market by the sizeable drop in unemployment between July and August. Total employment declined by 16,900 over the month, totaling 7,061,600 in September. A large portion of this decrease was due to the seasonal release of summer workers, most of whom returned to school.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Sep. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sep. 1982
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	112,197.0	113,578.0	110,546.0
Unemployment	9,830.0	10,411.0	10,695.0
Percent Unemployed	8.8	9.2	9.7
Total Employment	102,367.0	103,167.0	99,851.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	112,368.0	112,262.0	110,858.0
Unemployment	10,423.0	10,699.0	11,315.0
Percent Unemployed	9.3	9.5	10.2
Total Employment	101,945.0	101,563.0	99,543.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,724.3	7,659.2	7,353.0
Unemployment	662.7	580.7	590.8
Percent Unemployed	8.6	7.6	8.0
Total Employment	7,061.6	7,078.5	6,762.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,726.0	7,636.0	7,346.0
Unemployment	659.0	555.0	585.0
Percent Unemployed	8.5	7.3	8.0
Total Employment	7,067.0	7,081.0	6,761.0

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas increased from 7.3 percent in August to 8.5 percent in September -- the highest it had been since April 1983. The U. S. actual unemployment rate declined from 9.2 percent in August to 8.8 percent in September. The seasonally adjusted rate for the Nation also dropped slightly, from 9.5 percent in August to 9.3 percent in September.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ADVANCES

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment climbed considerably over the month, but a large portion of the increase was due to the return of communication workers to their jobs following the settlement of a labor-management dispute in August. Excluding these workers, the number of salaried jobs actually rose by about 15,000 between August and September. This increase was, however, the largest seen in this category so far this year.

In the nonmanufacturing sector, government recorded the largest gains, with over 10,000 additional jobs in September. Almost all of the increase was education-related as both state and local schools and universities were being staffed for the fall semester.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Sep.'83*	Aug.'83**	Sep.'82**	Sep.'83*	Aug.'83**	Sep.'82**	Sep.'83*	Aug.'83**	Sep.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	60,500	59,900	59,800	79,700	77,700	76,800	272,300	262,300	267,900
Manufacturing	6,000	6,100	6,500	11,000	11,000	10,300	33,600	33,400	33,500
Mining	5,100	5,100	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,300	800	800	900
Construction	3,600	3,600	3,500	3,200	3,200	3,500	15,300	15,200	14,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,100	3,300	6,600	5,900	6,500	7,800	5,700	8,000
Trade	15,800	15,900	15,300	24,400	24,300	23,400	62,300	62,000	60,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,300	4,200	4,000	17,300	17,300	17,400
Services & Misc.	13,700	13,800	13,700	14,900	14,900	14,500	54,000	53,800	53,700
Government	9,800	9,100	9,400	13,300	12,200	12,300	81,200	74,100	80,400
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	144,400	142,100	148,200	59,100	58,200	60,000	44,300	41,500	44,100
Manufacturing	33,700	33,900	36,700	8,600	8,800	9,200	3,200	3,300	3,200
Mining	2,300	2,200	2,400	100	100	100	1,500	1,500	1,600
Construction	9,800	9,900	11,300	3,300	3,200	4,000	2,800	2,600	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,700	11,700	12,200	3,500	3,200	3,500	2,000	2,100	1,800
Trade	34,100	34,100	33,700	17,500	17,600	17,700	9,200	9,000	9,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,700	5,800	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	26,300	26,500	26,100	10,700	10,600	10,500	6,000	5,800	6,000
Government	19,800	18,100	20,400	12,200	11,700	12,000	17,700	15,300	17,500
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[3]			EL PASO		
TOTAL	134,000	133,400	135,200	1,591.7	1,565.0	1,548.6	164,500	164,900	165,300
Manufacturing	15,100	15,100	15,400	311.8	311.3	310.3	38,200	38,500	37,300
Mining	8,900	9,000	9,300	32.7	33.2	33.3	--	--	--
Construction	12,100	12,100	12,600	86.5	87.5	86.5	7,800	7,900	8,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	6,300	7,800	98.8	88.8	97.5	10,400	9,800	10,700
Trade	32,600	33,300	32,700	430.5	429.1	418.3	39,600	40,000	41,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,400	6,500	6,400	122.4	122.2	118.0	7,800	7,800	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,500	24,300	24,500	323.6	320.7	302.9	27,400	27,500	27,200
Government	27,000	26,800	26,300	185.4	172.2	181.8	33,300	33,400	33,000
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[3]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	68,500	66,700	69,400	1,544.4	1,527.5	1,583.8	62,400	62,000	60,000
Manufacturing	10,600	10,400	11,600	223.7	223.9	250.3	8,700	8,800	7,900
Mining	800	800	800	104.3	105.2	105.1	--	--	--
Construction	5,100	4,800	4,400	135.4	136.4	143.5	3,700	3,700	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,500	6,200	6,500	108.5	98.3	109.8	3,200	3,100	3,100
Trade	13,100	13,400	13,000	366.7	365.7	377.4	13,900	13,900	13,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,400	4,500	102.5	103.3	100.6	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,400	10,500	10,400	326.9	325.5	323.5	11,400	11,300	11,200
Government	17,500	16,200	18,200	176.4	169.2	173.6	19,200	18,900	18,900

[3] In thousands.

The educational services segment pushed the services group up considerably over the month, as positions were added for the beginning of the school term. Employment in services was also boosted by several community action employers who hired help for new contracts. These gains were partially offset by declines in amusement, including motion pictures, where employment contracted as summer help was released, and in the civic, social, and fraternal organizations portion of other services and miscellaneous, where summer activities were winding down.

The majority of the 41,100 increase over the month in transportation, communication, and utilities was due to the returning communication workers who had been involved in a labor-management dispute. Transportation, except railroads, showed expansion as activity in motor freight transportation and warehousing and in water transportation increased.

Offsetting gains and losses in wholesale and retail trade segments left only a minimal increase in the trade sector as a whole. Food stores showed the largest upswing, and the eating and drinking places sector also had a sizeable gain over the

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
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Industry	Sep.'83*	Aug.'83**	Sep.'82**	Sep.'83*	Aug.'83**	Sep.'82**	Sep.'83*	Aug.'83**	Sep.'82**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	28,800	29,000	32,300	68,500	67,100	68,900	90,000	86,900	89,500
Manufacturing	1,600	1,700	1,800	16,200	16,100	16,800	10,700	10,600	11,500
Mining	1,100	1,100	1,300	4,500	4,500	4,600	700	700	600
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,800	4,500	4,500	4,800	4,000	4,300	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,200	3,400	3,900	3,500	3,800	4,800	4,000	4,700
Trade	9,300	9,400	10,700	17,300	17,200	17,100	26,200	26,000	25,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,900	2,900	2,800	5,200	5,200	5,000
Services & Misc.	4,600	4,700	5,100	11,300	11,200	11,500	17,600	16,900	16,900
Government	6,200	6,200	6,700	7,900	7,200	7,500	20,800	19,200	20,500
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	75,500	73,700	76,100	53,500	51,500	52,300	56,300	55,000	59,700
Manufacturing	9,000	8,900	8,300	4,100	4,000	4,100	6,100	6,100	7,500
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,500	12,700	12,700	13,800	8,300	8,000	8,000
Construction	5,800	5,800	5,700	4,200	4,100	4,500	5,100	5,200	6,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,300	2,800	3,200	2,600	3,100	2,800	2,400	3,200
Trade	22,500	22,300	24,500	11,700	11,600	11,000	15,300	15,100	16,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,100	3,600	3,600	3,200	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	10,000	9,800	9,800	9,100	8,800	8,000	8,700	8,600	8,500
Government	20,800	19,800	20,400	4,900	4,100	4,600	7,600	7,200	6,700
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	35,600	35,500	36,500	436,900	428,900	420,300	33,600	33,700	34,600
Manufacturing	5,300	5,300	6,000	49,900	49,700	49,300	11,100	11,200	11,400
Mining	700	700	800	3,400	3,500	3,300	200	200	200
Construction	2,000	2,100	2,200	29,100	29,500	27,600	1,400	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	19,100	15,300	18,200	2,300	2,200	2,300
Trade	8,800	8,900	8,700	114,500	114,500	108,800	7,000	7,100	7,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	29,800	30,000	29,000	1,200	1,200	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,400	7,200	94,500	94,100	90,200	5,700	5,700	5,900
Government	6,300	5,900	6,300	96,600	92,300	93,900	4,700	4,700	4,900
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	46,600	45,500	4,900	56,500	55,700	55,200	73,200	71,300	70,100
Manufacturing	8,500	8,300	8,400	10,900	10,800	10,800	15,200	15,100	14,100
Mining	200	200	200	3,100	3,100	3,300	--	--	--
Construction	2,600	2,500	1,900	2,500	2,600	2,500	3,800	4,000	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,800	2,500	2,700	3,300	2,900	3,400
Trade	11,200	11,200	10,700	15,000	15,000	14,300	17,800	17,600	17,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,000	4,600	4,600	4,400
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,400	7,400	11,100	11,200	11,200	16,600	15,700	16,000
Government	12,900	12,200	12,500	7,900	7,300	7,400	11,900	11,400	11,400
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	53,800	53,000	53,400						
Manufacturing	9,100	9,100	9,100						
Mining	3,200	3,300	3,500						
Construction	2,200	2,100	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	2,900	3,200						
Trade	13,500	13,500	13,300						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,300	8,900						
Government	10,900	10,200	10,800						

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision.
** Revised.

month. Losses in automotive dealers and service stations and in apparel and accessory stores nullified most of these gains for a net growth of only 300 in trade in September.

Construction suffered a setback in employment, as the release of summer workers throughout the industry and the completion of some large jobs in the general building sector combined to cut back on jobs. Mining also declined, with all of the losses confined to the oil and gas extraction portion. While some of this decrease was also due to the release of summer workers, the major factor was the continued low demand for domestically produced oil and gas. Decreased business in the banking sector and among insurance carriers, agents and brokers was responsible for the decline in finance, insurance, and real estate in September.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES[/]

INDUSTRY	Sep. 1983*	Aug. 1983**	Sep. 1982**	Change From Aug. 1983	Change From Sep. 1982
‡TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,168,400	6,112,900	6,233,400	55,500	- 65,000
Manufacturing	1,004,500	998,800	1,028,300	5,700	- 23,800
Durable Goods	582,000	578,000	602,400	4,000	- 20,400
Lumber & Wood Products	40,600	40,300	37,900	300	2,700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	8,000	8,000	7,700	0	300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,400	16,200	14,900	200	1,500
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	49,300	49,100	44,700	200	4,600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,600	23,300	21,200	300	2,400
Primary Metal Industries	39,200	38,900	39,600	300	- 400
Fabricated Metal Industries	85,500	85,100	93,100	400	- 7,600
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	45,000	44,900	48,100	100	- 3,100
Machinery, Except Electrical	139,000	138,600	158,100	400	- 19,100
Oil Field Machinery	44,000	44,200	58,800	- 200	- 14,800
Electric & Electronic Equipment	99,000	97,100	99,600	1,900	- 600
Transportation Equipment	76,800	76,500	76,100	300	700
Aircraft & Parts	39,000	39,000	38,900	0	100
Instruments & Related Products	22,900	23,000	25,300	- 100	- 2,400
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,300	13,200	13,100	100	200
Nondurable Goods	422,500	420,800	425,900	1,700	- 3,400
Food & Kindred Products	96,900	95,700	98,900	1,200	- 2,000
Meat Products	26,800	27,000	26,400	- 200	400
Dairy Products	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	- 100
Bakery Products	11,300	11,200	11,400	100	- 100
Malt Beverages	3,400	3,400	3,500	0	- 100
Textile Mill Products	5,400	5,300	5,500	100	- 100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	66,600	66,500	65,400	100	1,200
Paper & Allied Products	21,700	21,800	22,200	- 100	- 500
Printing & Publishing	68,000	68,000	67,200	0	800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,100	35,200	34,400	- 100	700
Chemicals & Allied Products	79,800	79,800	81,900	0	- 2,100
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,600	43,500	45,100	100	- 1,500
Petroleum Refining	40,900	40,800	42,300	100	- 1,400
Leather & Leather Products	9,100	9,100	9,500	0	- 400
Other Nondurable Goods	31,400	31,100	30,200	300	1,200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,163,900	5,114,100	5,205,100	49,800	- 41,200
Mining	287,400	288,700	303,800	- 1,300	- 16,400
Oil & Gas Extraction	278,100	279,400	293,800	- 1,300	- 15,700
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,300	9,300	10,000	0	- 700
Construction	392,700	394,600	425,000	- 1,900	- 32,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	382,500	341,400	381,900	41,100	600
Railroad Transportation	25,200	25,200	26,300	0	- 1,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	184,800	182,800	181,000	2,000	3,800
Transportation by Air	36,500	37,100	36,200	- 600	300
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	92,700	52,700	95,300	40,000	- 2,600
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,800	80,700	79,300	- 900	500
Electric Services	44,900	45,400	43,600	- 500	1,300
Gas Production & Distribution	29,600	29,900	30,600	- 300	- 1,000
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,539,700	1,539,400	1,542,600	300	- 2,900
Wholesale Trade	428,100	428,300	442,200	- 200	- 14,100
Retail Trade	1,111,600	1,111,100	1,100,400	500	11,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	49,800	49,700	46,300	100	3,500
General Merchandise Stores	145,500	145,200	146,400	300	- 900
Food Stores	198,400	197,000	195,000	1,400	3,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	122,000	123,100	126,700	- 1,100	- 4,700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,500	80,800	80,700	- 1,300	- 1,200
Other Retail Trade	516,400	515,300	505,300	1,100	11,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	374,300	375,300	366,300	- 1,000	8,000
Banking	100,600	101,300	100,100	- 700	500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	120,100	120,600	119,600	- 500	500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	153,600	153,400	146,600	200	7,000
Services	1,169,800	1,167,600	1,166,900	2,200	2,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	68,000	67,400	68,900	600	- 900
Personal Services	74,000	74,200	73,300	- 200	700
Business & Repair Services	313,500	313,200	314,500	300	- 1,000
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	44,300	46,500	46,900	- 2,200	- 2,600
Health Services	331,700	331,300	326,100	400	5,600
Educational Services	57,000	52,200	57,800	4,800	- 800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	281,300	282,800	279,400	- 1,500	1,900
Total Government	1,017,500	1,007,100	1,018,600	10,400	- 1,100
Total Federal Government	178,600	178,300	171,600	300	7,000
Total State Government	229,400	226,700	228,200	2,700	1,200
Total Local Government	609,500	602,100	618,800	7,400	- 9,300

/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ‡ Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Sep.'83*	Aug.'83**	Sep.'82**	Sep.'83*	Aug.'83**	Sep.'82**	Sep.'83*	Aug.'83**	Sep.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,400	80,200	75,800	100,600	99,400	92,600	310,800	303,400	293,800
Total Unemployment	4,700	4,300	4,400	5,600	4,900	4,800	13,800	11,600	13,800
Percent Unemployed	5.8	5.4	5.8	5.6	4.9	5.2	4.4	3.8	4.7
Total Employment 2/	75,700	75,900	71,400	95,000	94,500	87,800	297,000	291,800	280,000
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	185,800	182,300	180,900	89,100	87,500	84,400	52,900	50,100	50,800
Total Unemployment	28,000	24,300	23,600	15,500	13,100	13,000	2,200	1,800	2,300
Percent Unemployed	15.1	13.3	13.0	17.4	15.0	15.4	4.2	3.6	4.5
Total Employment 2/	157,800	158,000	157,300	73,600	74,400	71,400	50,700	48,300	48,500
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	175,600	175,700	162,500	1,802.0	1,792.6	1,701.1	197,700	196,100	190,200
Total Unemployment	21,800	19,300	13,400	100.5	87.6	108.2	24,900	21,100	24,000
Percent Unemployed	12.4	11.0	8.2	5.6	4.9	6.4	12.6	10.8	12.6
Total Employment 2/	153,800	156,400	149,100	1,701.5	1,705.0	1,592.9	172,800	175,000	166,200
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	92,800	90,800	89,500	1,812.1	1,802.5	1,748.1	74,400	74,400	69,100
Total Unemployment	12,300	10,900	10,900	181.8	162.3	141.8	4,700	3,800	4,400
Percent Unemployed	13.3	12.0	12.2	10.0	9.0	8.1	6.3	5.1	6.4
Total Employment 2/	80,500	79,900	78,600	1,630.3	1,640.2	1,606.3	69,700	70,600	64,700
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	40,500	39,800	40,400	82,100	81,200	79,300	111,300	109,300	105,300
Total Unemployment	10,700	9,500	8,500	10,200	8,900	9,500	7,500	6,800	6,100
Percent Unemployed	26.4	23.9	21.0	12.4	11.0	12.0	6.7	6.2	5.8
Total Employment 2/	29,800	30,300	31,900	71,900	72,300	69,800	103,800	102,500	99,200
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	118,100	111,700	106,700	68,100	67,000	63,100	74,800	73,800	74,000
Total Unemployment	29,700	23,700	21,200	4,400	3,800	3,100	7,200	6,500	5,100
Percent Unemployed	25.1	21.2	19.9	6.5	5.7	4.9	9.6	8.8	6.9
Total Employment 2/	88,400	88,000	85,500	63,700	63,200	60,000	67,600	67,300	68,900
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	47,700	47,700	47,400	502,200	498,600	467,200	39,700	39,800	39,500
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,400	3,200	33,200	28,500	32,700	3,100	2,700	3,400
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.0	6.8	6.6	5.7	7.0	7.8	6.8	8.6
Total Employment 2/	45,100	45,300	44,200	469,000	470,100	434,500	36,600	37,100	36,100
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,200	51,700	50,700	75,700	74,500	71,400	41,600	41,300	40,200
Total Unemployment	5,200	4,600	5,400	5,100	4,500	5,500	4,300	3,900	4,100
Percent Unemployed	10.0	8.9	10.7	6.7	6.0	7.7	10.3	9.4	10.2
Total Employment 2/	47,000	47,100	45,300	70,600	70,000	65,900	37,300	37,400	36,100
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	87,600	86,600	83,300	68,300	67,700	65,800	7,724.3	7,659.2	7,353.0
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,300	5,400	4,500	3,900	4,600	662.7	580.7	590.8
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.0	6.5	6.6	5.8	7.0	8.6	7.6	8.0
Total Employment 2/	82,800	82,300	77,900	63,800	63,800	61,200	7,061.6	7,078.5	6,762.2

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3 In thousands.
* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep.± 1983	Aug. 1983	Sep. 1982	Sep.± 1983	Aug. 1983	Sep. 1982	Sep.± 1983	Aug. 1983	Sep. 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$369.22	$363.12	$345.79	41.3	40.8	39.7	$ 8.94	$ 8.90	$ 8.71
Durable Goods	363.19	357.54	342.70	40.9	40.4	39.3	8.88	8.85	8.72
Lumber & Wood Products	246.63	245.00	225.23	38.9	39.2	38.5	6.34	6.25	5.85
Furniture & Fixtures	241.13	245.86	251.54	40.8	41.6	40.9	5.91	5.91	6.15
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	360.30	349.80	325.73	44.1	43.4	41.6	8.17	8.06	7.83
Primary Metal Industries	406.21	398.04	396.52	39.4	38.2	37.8	10.31	10.42	10.49
Fabricated Metal Products	360.93	356.17	344.45	40.6	40.2	38.4	8.89	8.86	8.97
Machinery, Exc. Electric	351.88	344.52	344.27	40.4	39.6	38.9	8.71	8.70	8.85
Oil Field Machinery	402.04	394.88	401.02	39.3	38.6	37.2	10.23	10.23	10.78
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	376.62	371.37	353.10	41.8	40.9	40.4	9.01	9.08	8.74
Transportation Equipment	486.86	479.70	435.31	41.4	41.0	39.9	11.76	11.70	10.91
Aircraft & Parts	503.27	503.22	461.61	41.8	41.9	41.4	12.04	12.01	11.15
Instr. & Related Products	315.93	304.15	283.10	39.1	38.5	38.0	8.08	7.90	7.45
Misc. Mfg. Industries	299.43	309.12	271.62	41.3	42.0	40.3	7.25	7.36	6.74
Nondurable Goods	378.36	371.36	351.48	41.9	41.4	40.4	9.03	8.97	8.70
Food & Kindred Products	333.10	318.52	311.18	43.6	41.8	43.1	7.64	7.62	7.22
Meat Products	305.77	275.26	295.58	44.9	40.9	42.9	6.81	6.73	6.89
Malt Beverages	602.76	649.55	581.15	41.2	43.8	41.1	14.63	14.83	14.14
Textile Mill Products	252.77	263.41	238.11	41.1	42.9	41.7	6.15	6.14	5.71
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	188.48	187.11	168.62	38.0	38.5	35.8	4.96	4.86	4.71
Paper & Allied Products	424.46	415.48	384.22	45.3	44.2	41.9	9.37	9.40	9.17
Printing & Publishing	341.47	343.10	299.03	40.7	40.7	37.1	8.39	8.43	8.06
Chemicals & Allied Products	570.54	578.66	572.47	42.2	42.8	43.6	13.52	13.52	13.13
Petroleum & Coal Products	625.83	584.05	570.67	43.4	42.2	43.2	14.42	13.84	13.21
Petroleum Refining	651.00	606.84	591.76	43.4	42.2	43.1	15.00	14.38	13.73
Leather & Leather Products	246.86	213.33	165.83	44.4	40.1	33.3	5.56	5.32	4.98
Other Nondurable Goods	368.51	371.92	306.13	42.8	42.7	39.5	8.61	8.71	7.75
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	485.62	471.80	477.14	45.3	44.3	46.1	10.72	10.65	10.35
Oil & Gas Extraction	489.87	475.34	479.44	45.4	44.3	46.1	10.79	10.73	10.40
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	373.49	371.36	404.71	44.2	44.0	46.2	8.45	8.44	8.76
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	411.46	367.68	391.84	40.3	38.5	39.5	10.21	9.55	9.92
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	426.59	417.13	400.48	41.7	41.3	41.5	10.23	10.10	9.65
Wholesale & Retail Trade	233.24	235.94	226.79	34.3	34.8	33.9	6.80	6.78	6.69
Wholesale Trade	356.61	357.11	337.33	39.8	39.9	39.5	8.96	8.95	8.54
Retail Trade	186.12	188.93	182.91	32.2	32.8	31.7	5.78	5.76	5.77
General Mdse. Stores	169.29	168.06	156.06	29.7	30.5	29.5	5.70	5.51	5.29
Banking	240.15	240.79	225.75	37.7	37.8	37.5	6.37	6.37	6.02
HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS									
DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$367.09	$362.37	$332.59	41.2	40.9	39.5	$ 8.91	$ 8.86	$ 8.42
Durable Goods	387.39	379.14	350.37	41.3	40.9	39.5	9.38	9.27	8.87
Nondurable Goods	320.66	323.95	293.14	40.9	40.8	39.4	7.84	7.94	7.44
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	456.03	438.04	425.08	42.5	40.9	40.6	10.73	10.71	10.47
Durable Goods	404.62	390.74	386.51	41.8	40.2	39.4	9.68	9.72	9.81
Nondurable Goods	537.59	512.82	494.77	43.6	42.0	42.8	12.33	12.21	11.56
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	280.57	275.67	250.49	41.2	40.9	39.2	6.81	6.74	6.39
Durable Goods	309.59	301.67	273.64	41.5	41.1	40.3	7.46	7.34	6.79
Nondurable Goods	251.94	250.51	227.84	40.9	40.8	38.1	6.16	6.14	5.98

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Manufacturing registered a number of small gains and a few sizeable ones, to record its largest over-the-month increase since June. Within the durable goods sector, the settlement of a labor-management dispute in the electric and electronic equipment segment brought employment up substantially. Fabricated metal products, one of the hardest hit industries during the past year, recorded a moderate rise in employment in September. Smaller increases were registered in lumber and wood products and in stone, clay and glass products due to increased demand. Employers in primary metal products also added jobs as consumer demand increased. Nonelectrical machinery managed a small gain, despite continued losses in the oil field machinery segment. The only major industry group in durable goods which recorded a downturn over the month was instruments and related products.

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Nondurable goods industries, for the most part, showed moderate gains. The largest advance in this sector was in food and kindred products, due in part to an increase in the canning of fruits and vegetables. Other nondurable goods recorded a rise in jobs as business increased and workers returned to jobs following a layoff. Smaller increases were noted in textile mill products, petroleum and coal products, and in apparel and other finished textile products. Paper and allied products was the only major nondurable sector which recorded a decline over the month. The total number of production workers rose by 4,800 in September, to 714,300, compared to 709,500 in August. In September 1982, there were 739,400 production workers in Texas.

Total agricultural employment totaled 179,860 in September 1983, compared to 181,995 in September 1982. The drought in West Texas and the Payment in Kind Program continued to reduce the need for agricultural workers.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS CLIMB

The average production worker in manufacturing in September 1983 worked 41.3 hours at $8.94 per hour, earning an average weekly wage of $369.22. Average hours worked were up .5 hour from August, and were 1.6 hours above the average for September 1982. Average hourly earnings increased 4¢ over the month and 23¢ over the year. Average weekly earnings were up $6.10 from August and rose $23.43 from September 1982. These increases were almost evenly split between durable goods workers and nondurable goods workers. Hours worked in durable goods rose by half an hour and hourly earnings rose 3¢; while hours in nondurable goods also increased .5 hour and average hourly earnings were up 6¢.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Sep. 1983	Sep. 1982
Total Population	15,928,200	15,372,600
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.3	2.4
UI Covered Employers	293,445	282,317
Total Claims Actions	555,785	717,050
Total Initial Claims Actions	63,953	90,115
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	491,832	626,935
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$134.17	$125.83
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$69,235,678	$73,631,243
Total Placements	41,976	37,928

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.